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Application Title: Standoff Holder and Standoff Pad for Ultrasound Probe

Examiner / GAU: Imam, Ali art unit 3737

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At: Saddle Brook, NJ

Amendment – A

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Colombia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary Letter mailed May 06, 2005, please amend the above application as follows:

REMARKS- General

In this amendment A, the applicants have canceled claims 1-12 and resubmitting new claims 13-20 to better define the invention particularly and distinctly to overcome the technical rejection along with defining the invention over the prior art.

Remarks to Examiner's Office Action

Remark to Detailed Action; EXAMINER'S REMARK: Page 2, No. 4 under 35

USC 102 (b)- Claims 1 and 4-6 anticipated by Curtis et al. (US 4,815,470)

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Applicant's response: In regard to applicant's Claim 1: Curtis teaches a **sheath 50 (a protective cover)**, (not a standoff holder comprising an elongated elastic sock that hold a standoff pad). **Sheath 50** has one open end and one closed end. The applicants teach a standoff holder that is open on both ends. **Sheath 50** as Curtis teaches (Fig- 2 page 3 of